



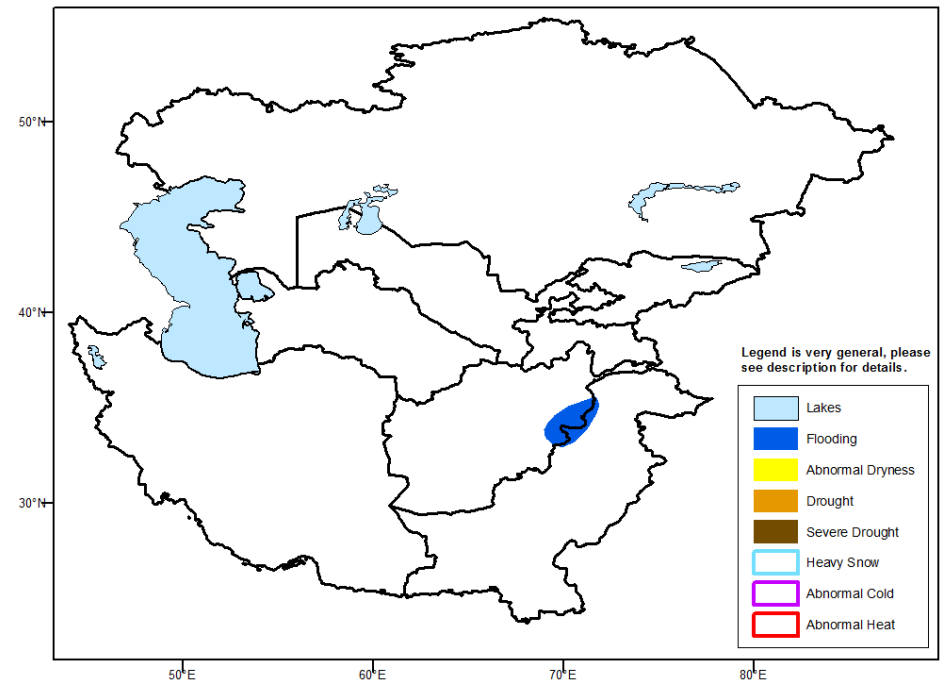
## Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook March 2 - 8, 2017

### **Temperatures:**

Below-normal temperatures prevailed across Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan from February 19 to 25, while above-normal temperatures were observed across the remainder of the region. Farther south, temperatures were near normal over Afghanistan. During the next week, near to above-normal temperatures are forecast throughout Central Asia. Maximum temperatures are expected to warm to near 20 degrees C across the lower elevations of western and southern Afghanistan.

### **Precipitation**

Light to moderate rain and high-elevation snow (25 mm or less, liquid equivalent) fell across much of Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan from February 19 to 25. Snow water equivalent values remain above normal over most basins of Afghanistan due to consistent snowfall. During the next outlook period, precipitation is expected across Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and northeastern Afghanistan. The most likely area to experience flooding due to snow melt and rainfall is across eastern Afghanistan.



**Note:** The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.

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